

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

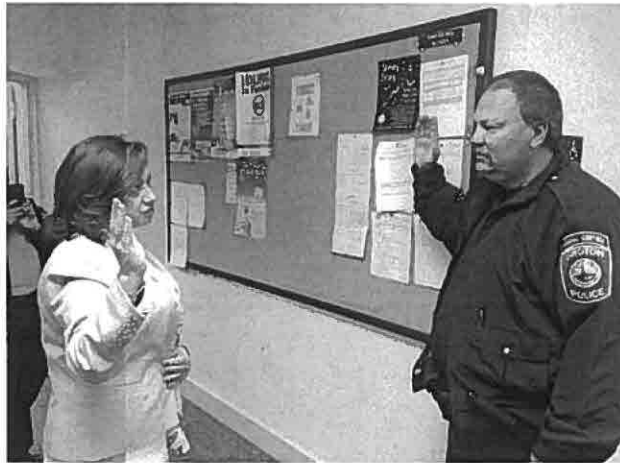
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, June 28th, Town Council Committee of the Whole, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Tuesday, June 28th, Town Council Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1



ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Robert Yuchniuk joined the Animal Control Division in April of 2016 as the full time Assistant Animal Control Officer. He comes to the Town after a 28 year career with the Waterford Police Department, the last six years as the Animal Control Officer for the towns of Waterford and East Lyme. This is a geographical territory of almost 79 square miles. Robert served as the only employee in that position and was on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, where he handled every animal related call for service.

Robert lives in Oakdale and is happily married to his wife Melissa. They have two children, Robert age 13 and Joey age 5. They currently have two dogs, two cats, a bird and a lizard for pets.

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is a press release from the State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicle requesting taxpayers to review their motor vehicle tax bills carefully ensuring the correct information is listed on the bills.
2. Attachment 2 is a flyer from the Groton Parks and Recreation Department for “Groton Week” from July 4th through July 8th. These events are being held to celebrate of Connecticut’s Submarine Century.
3. Attachment 3 is a flyer from the Groton-New London Airport for their Open House and Walking Tour on August 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is held in honor of National Aviation Day and Connecticut’s Submarine Century. Attendees will be able to get an insider look at the airport. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please visit grotonbiz.com or ctsubmarinecentury.com.
4. Attachment 4 is a Save the Date from the Mystic Chamber of Commerce for their Air and Sea Celebration on August 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Mystic Jet Center North Hanga, 255 Tower Avenue. Tickets are \$40.00 per person prior to the event or \$50.00 per person at the door. Please visit mysticchamber.org for more information.

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. Office of Planning and Development (May):
 - The Towns of Groton and Waterford were nominated to conduct a Joint Land Use study which aims to reduce potential conflicts between military installations and surrounding areas while accommodating new growth and economic development.
 - The Spicer Mansion on Elm Street in Mystic was issued its Certificate of Occupancy in mid-May.
 - Planning staff met with a representative of The Nature Conservancy to discuss a Coastal Hazard Vulnerability study for the Poquonnock Bridge area.
 - Planning staff worked to expedite the approval process for a new deli-style restaurant in Mystic.
 - The Zoning Commission approved a special permit for a new 147 unit apartment complex on Route 12 and Pleasant Valley Road North.
 - The Planning Commission approved a plan for a day spa on Poquonnock Road.

- Economic and Community Development staff reviewed two applications for Economic Assistance Funds.

Attachments

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For Immediate Release
June 8, 2016

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DMV, Municipal Officials Ask Residents to Check Motor Vehicle Tax Bills

Pro-Active Step Taken to Prevent Inconveniences for Taxpayers

WETHERSFIELD – The Department of Motor Vehicles, the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers and the Connecticut Tax Collectors Association today asked residents receiving motor vehicle tax bills to review them carefully to ensure the correct information is listed on the bills from their municipalities.

DMV and municipal officials are taking this pro-active approach to check bills following DMV's conversion of data from an old registration computer system to the new one last August. DMV and the associations have estimated that about 50,000 vehicle owners could be affected.

"We are advising residents early so that they look immediately at their tax bills and make any necessary changes before paying them. All of us are being pro-consumer in this effort and wanting to prevent inconveniences for taxpayers," said DMV Commissioner Michael Bzdyra.

Data in that old system was compiled from customers over decades and could have old addresses never changed by someone who moved or incorrect information given when registering a vehicle. DMV has collected registration information for decades in a variety of inconsistent ways. The new computer system attempts to standardize information so that there is consistency in DMV records as well as those given to towns for tax billing purposes.

DMV and the municipalities across the state are also working to resolve inconsistencies among some residents' having both mailing addresses as well as separate "domicile" listings for a different municipality where their vehicle is garaged (e.g., someone lives in one town, but keeps a vehicle in another town where it is most often used).

"The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles, the Connecticut Association of Assessing Offices, and the Connecticut Tax Collectors' Association have worked for several months at addressing these discrepancies. While we have made a great deal of progress in addressing these issues, and have significantly reduced them, there will be some cases where people receive tax bills from the wrong town. It is important that if anyone receives a tax bill from the wrong town, they contact the town that issued the bill as soon as possible so that the bill can be forwarded to the correct town. If anyone receives a tax bill from the wrong town, it is important that they do not ignore the incorrect tax bill," said John Rainaldi, president of the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers (CAAO) and Launa M. Goslee, president of the Connecticut Tax Collector's Association.

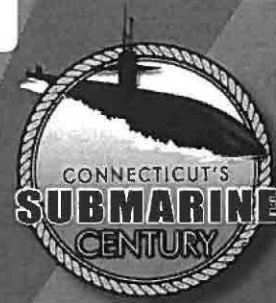
Officials advised residents that if they received a tax bill from a municipality in which they did not reside or in which they did not have a vehicle (both as of October 1, 2015), they need to contact their assessor to request a transfer to the correct town or city of residency as of October 1, 2015.

Customers who need information to make a registration address change at DMV can go to ct.gov/dmv/changeaddress or call DMV at 860-263-5700.

There are also several services customers can obtain online at DMV now. These include verifying whether they have a delinquent motor vehicle property tax, emissions and insurance compliance issues as well as renewing vehicle registrations, reprinting registrations and canceling registrations. Go to ct.gov/dmv/online today to see what is offered.

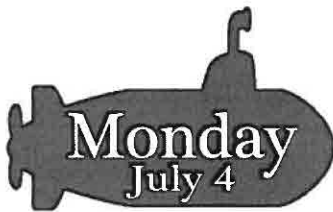
GROTON WEEK

*Celebrating Connecticut's
Submarine Century*



July 4-8, 2016

Visit GrotonRec.com/SubCentury for more info!



- 4th of July Parade
10 a.m. - US Route 1 *begins at South Rd.



- Surprise Community Event!
5:15 p.m. - Fitch High School Football Field
- Groton vs. Subase Softball Game
6 p.m. - Fitch High School Baseball Field



- Mystic Schooners Baseball Game
6:05 p.m. - Fitch High School Baseball Field



- Books by the Banner & Story Walk
with Groton Public Library
10 a.m. - Poquonnock Plains Park
- Summer SoundWaves Concert
6-8 p.m. - Hope Road at Esker Point Beach



- Submarine Pinewood Derby
4-8 p.m. - Poquonnock Plains Park
- Outdoor Family Movie Night
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
8:45 p.m. - Poquonnock Plains Park



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GROTON-NEW LONDON AIRPORT

OPEN HOUSE & WALKING TOUR

AUGUST 19, 2016—10am—1pm

HONORING
NATIONAL AVIATION DAY &
CONNECTICUT'S SUBMARINE CENTURY

Get an insider look at the Airport!

Naval Aviation and Activities Celebrating CT Submarine Century

Self-Guided Walking Tour
Displays & Demonstrations
Visit Aircraft & Hangars

FREE EVENT

Meet in the Airport Main Terminal
for Welcome, Displays & Tour Map



more info at: GROTONBIZ.COM and CTSUBMARINECENTURY.COM

Groton-New London Airport, 155 Tower Avenue, Groton

BOARDING PASS

SAVE THE DATE

Air & Sea Celebration

in recognition of National Aviation Day
& the Connecticut Submarine Century

Presented by the Greater Mystic Chamber
of Commerce, Groton Business Association
& the Mystic Jet Center

Friday, August 19, 2016

from 6pm-9pm

Mystic Jet Center North Hangar
255 Tower Avenue, Groton

This is a 21+ event.

**TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON / \$50 AT DOOR
SPECIAL ACTIVE DUTY TICKETS AVAILABLE
VISIT MYSTICCHAMBER.ORG FOR DETAILS**

PLEASE JOIN US



PASSENGER

**AUG
19
2016**

Portion of the
proceeds to benefit
the Connecticut
Submarine Century



OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

May 2016

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The Towns of Groton and Waterford were nominated to conduct a Joint Land Use study which aims to reduce potential conflicts between military installations and surrounding areas while accommodating new growth and economic development. After discussion with other towns around the SUBASE, the study area was expanded and the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments began preparing a grant application to the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment. The application for \$320,000 in federal funds which requires a 10% in-kind local match will be submitted by the end of June.

The Spicer Mansion on Elm Street in Mystic was issued its certificate of occupancy in mid May. The mansion has been renovated from an 8-unit apartment building to an 8-unit owner occupied luxury hotel. The restoration work can be seen at their website: <http://spicermansion.com>

Planning staff met with representatives of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to discuss a coastal hazard vulnerability study for the Poquonnock Bridge area. TNC will identify vulnerabilities to residential, industrial and business areas as well as evacuation routes and critical infrastructure. This study will be done at no cost to the town.

Planning Staff worked to expedite the approval process for a new deli-style restaurant in Mystic. The Zoning Regulation amendments recently approved by the Zoning Commission allowed the owners of Drawbridge Ice Cream to relocate their deli business to an empty retail shop on the west side of the Central Hall building with less regulatory hurdles.

COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

Zoning Commission

The Zoning Commission approved a special permit for a new 147 unit apartment complex on Route 12 and Pleasant Valley Road North. The one and two bedroom apartments will fill a need for smaller units. The complex includes a club house and pool.

The Commission continued to work on regulation revisions with staff and consultants. They are focusing on

reducing the number of zoning districts and simplifying the Table of Permitted Uses.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission approved a plan for a day spa along Poquonnock Road. The renovated structure will allow an existing business to expand and to own their own property.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Two applications for Economic Assistance funds were reviewed by the division. Both will help existing small businesses pay for infrastructure associated with their expansions.

The division participated in a review of I-95 signage coordinated by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Staff supported signage at exit 89 to direct traffic to Mystic destinations. Ultimately, the Town Council did not support the change in signage at this location.

The department took delivery of a new electric Nissan Leaf which was purchased with grant funds from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Susan Cullen, Planner II, wrote the successful grant application. As part of the program public charging stations were installed at Town Hall, the Town Hall Annex and the Groton Library. The charging stations were also paid for by the grant. The Leaf replaces another much less fuel efficient car.



The new electric Nissan Leaf is now the only car that Matt Allen, Planner I, will drive.

INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ Total building fees collected for FYE 2016 less reimbursements: \$349,979
- ◇ Building permits were issued for an Aldi's Supermarket at 688 Long Hill Road and the new Rise Restaurant located at 10 Water Street Mystic.
- ◇ A Certificate of Occupancy was issued for The Spicer Mansion, a renovated bed and breakfast/inn located at 15 Elm Street, Mystic.

ITEM	RECEIVED IN MAY	FISCAL YEAR 2016 TOTAL
BUILDING PERMITS	47	565
ELECTRICAL PERMITS	24	320
PLUMBING PERMITS	13	139
MECHANICAL PERMITS	31	261
SPRINKLER PERMIT	0	8
MOBILE HOME PERMITS	0	6
ESTIMATED VALUE	2,453,602	
RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ISSUED—NEW	2	12
ESTIMATED VALUE	1,700,000	3,550,500
RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS	36	389
NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS	0	3
COMMERCIAL ADDITIONS	4	48
SIGNS	2	17
POOL PERMITS	1	6
SHED PERMITS	2	23
SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX UNITS APPROVED	6	34
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED (less reimbursements)	16,999	
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED	13	97
UNITS CONNECTED TO TOWN SEWER	2	25
HDC CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS	5	52
CODE ENFORCEMENT		
SIGN VIOLATIONS	0	361
VEHICLES/WASTE	2	11
OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS	0	17
PENDING LITIGATION	1	3
CASES RESOLVED	0	15